Southside Co-op Will Hold Annual Meeting September 8

The 18th annual meeting of the membership of the Southside Electric Cooperative will be held at Crewe, Virginia, on Saturday, September 8th, starting at 9 o'clock.

The membership of the Cooperative and the public in general will get an opportunity to hear reports and review all phases of progress of the operations at the meeting.

The annual event usually attracts six or seven thousand of the fifteen thousand consumer - members served by the Cooperative in 17 counties of Southside Virginia.

The planning committee has made arrangements to prepare the stadium for comfort regardless of weather conditions. The committee also is proud to announce greatly improved rest room facilities which were completed just prior to last year's annual meeting and a better seating arrangement than has been available in the past.

A full report of the operations of the Cooperative will be presented by the manager and officers ofthe Board of Directors, and there will also be a summary of plans that the Cooperative hopes to carry out in the future.

This meeting also gives the membership an opportunity to ask questions about the organization which serves them with electricity in their homes and on their farms.

Besides reports from the management and officers of the Cooperative, the members will elect three directors for the next three years. Those who have been nominated by the nominating committee are Wellington Bacon, George T. Lee, and R. C. Claypool. Members will also be given a chance to make nominations from the floor.

Speakers for this annual occasion will include Watkins M. Abbitt, Congressman from the 4th Congressional District, who will enlighten the membership on what Congress is doing to forward the program of Southside Electric Cooperative and other similar systems throughout the nation.

Fred H. Strong, Deputy Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, in Washington, will speak on the productive use of electric equipment and how rural people in Southside Virginia and throughout the nation have been able to "live better electrically" as a result of electric cooperatives such as the Southside Electric Cooperative.

The program will get under way at 9 o'clock with lunch period at 12:30 P. M. From 12:30 P. M. until 3:00 P. M., music by the Virginia Folk Music Festival will furnish entertainment.

Electrical equipment manufacturers, distributors, and dealers have arranged elaborate displays of electrical equipment for the home and farm to show the many ways that electricity can mean more profit to rural people.

Those who attend the annual meeting will learn how Southside Electric Cooperative has set the pace for rural people of Southside Virginia to "live better electrically."

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Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Let's talk about house plants today. With winter near, we begin to plan for "green things growing," and with this in mind, we get "slips" of favorites from our friends. Often we wish to propagate a new plant for a neighbor, or for an exchange plant for "Exchange Night" in our Garden Club.

It's a funny thing about house plants, anyway. When ever we get an attractive one, we wish we had more like it. You will doubtless know those of us who are hopelessly overrun with African violets, geraniums, cactus varieties, poinsettias, begonias, etc. Happily there is little expense involved, and the trouble is a labor of love.

Methods of propagation vary somewhat according to the type of plant you want to raise. Generally, you'd think of raising new plants from seed, but since the seed of most house plants is not easily obtainable, you can propagate them from stem, leaf, or root cuttings.

Christmas cactus, geranium, colens, poinsettias and begonias are usually propagated by stem cuttings. African violets are often "started" from leaf cuttings. And beefsteak begonias and some kinds of ferns are best grown from root cuttings. Division is still another way to increase house plants.

Here are a few general rules that apply to all methods:

1. All rooted cuttings need good potting soil. For most kinds of house plants, the ideal soil consists of 3 parts good garden soil, 1 part sand, and 1 part crumbly compost or peat moss.

2. You should pot cuttings in this soil mixture when the roots are about 1 inch long. More roots will develop quickly if you dip the base of each cutting in one of the available root-hormone powders.

3. Plants being started need a constant supply of moisture. The soil must never dry out, although it shouldn't be soggy, either. Also, plants being rooted should never be in direct sunlight, but have sufficient good light.

Let's consider a few individual plants.

1. Boston ferns may be propagated by planting the long runners that hang over the pot. Take the end of the runner, (or stolon), and cover it with about a half inch of potting soil. Firm the soil and keep it moist.

If the old ferns have become scraggly, they can be brought to life by removing fern and soil ball from pot, separating into small divisions and placing each in a small container filled with potting soil.

(Remember to grow ferns away from radiators and out of the sun).

2. Colens may be started by cutting a shoot from an old plant. Cut stem about 5 inches from the tip or below third pair of leaves. Cut lower pair of leaves off and insert an inch of base in vermiculite or coarse sand. Keep moist. Place slips in light, but not direct sunlight. As soon as roots are about 3-4 inch long, pot cuttings Let stand several days and then place in a window where sunlight will brighten foilage.

3. Geraniums may be started the same as colens.

4. Christmas cactus may be started the same as colens, by using cuttings that include one or more of the little sections that make up the graceful foilage.

5. Sansevierias (snake plants), may be started from leaf cuttings. Cut a leaf from the old plant, divide it into about 3-inch sections, and plant potting soil right side up. They won't root if planted upside down. Don't be impatient, because it takes many weeks for a new plant to grow.

6. African violets may be started from leaves, or from "suckers" that come on the present plant. The latter method is quicker, for the little plant will root sooner when planted in a mixture of half sand and half peat moss. But the leaf cutting method is used oftener because there are always available leaves. Cut the leaf with about one inch stem. Cut with a sharp knife or razor blade. These leaves may be started in the sand mixture, a commercial mixture, or vermiculite. But for general purposes, they will give more satisfying results if started in water. They are slow—it takes at least six months for a leaf to grow into a blooming plant. At first you will see tiny roots growing around the base of the cutting. Then a little plant will begin to show — maybe several plants. When these are from 1-8 to 1-4 inch high, plant in the sand and peat moss mixture until the plants are from 1 inch to 2 or 3 inches. Repot in small pots, using a mixture of 1 part "black dirt," 1 part sand and 1 part peat moss. Grow in a north or an east window, with little direct sun.

There are many other plants that are popular and easy to propogate. Just a pale green thumb, a big desire and a little loving care—that, together with a "slip," will give you an indoor garden.

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County Line

County Line, August 28.- We are sorry to hear of so many people of our community being sick and in the hospital. Mr. Dewitt Marshall, Mr. Oscar Cheatham, Mr. Tip Evans and little Iris Cordell. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Overton, Mrs. Dewitt Marshall and Mr. Henry Mann visited Mr. Dewitt Marshall Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Walter Jordan and Mrs. Lankford Torrence visited Mrs. Jesse Marshall Monday P. M.

Mrs. Sam Cordell and granddaughter, Rita are visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Miss Lorene Stanley and Miss Frances Jones accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker to Penn. over the week-end.

Mrs. Minnie Foster, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williamson were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Fergusson.

Miss Margaret Helmick spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grishaw Sunday P. M.

Visitors in the home of Vernie Jones during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mr. Elisha Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Powell, Mrs. Annie Powell, Mr. Bascom Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin, Mrs. Peek, Mrs. Short and Mr. Perlie Jones.

Vera

Vera, August 27.- Everyone is so thankful for the nice rain. Things are so refreshed.

We are sorry for those whose their crop destroyed by hail.

Mrs. L. H. Watson visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. on Monday.

Mrs. Addington, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Miss Harriette Harvey, Miss Gordon and some others attended the Peoples Rally at Carterville day night.

Lieut. and Mrs. Charles A. are now located in Alaska. would be glad to hear from their friends here. His address Lieut. Charles A. Harvey, Heavy Mortar Co., 53rd Inf. A. P. O. 949, Seattle, Wash.

Farmers are having the weather for filling silos and tobacco and it is really season. So this is a busy the farm.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Grover Beasley on night were Mr. and Mrs. vey and Harriette, and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Miss Harriette Harvey Miss Bonnie Webb Sander birthday celebration.

Schools will convene it seems that the passed so quickly.

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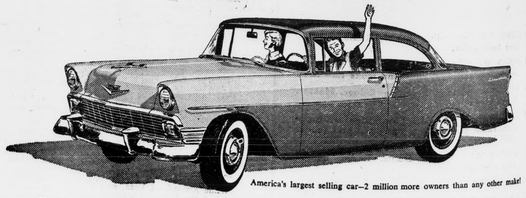

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There are lots of Red Letter days on the calendar . . . birthdays of famous people, and days set apart to honor some great event. But there is one date on the calendar that stands out . . . not as a day of rest or recreation, but as a time to get to work! That is the Opening Day for the school session. It sets off a chain of activity in every community all over our great nation. No date on the calendar is more important.

Appomattox County is rightly proud of its public schools. At great financial sacrifice, the taxpayers have provided what we consider to be outstanding school facilities, so that the boys and girls might have every possible opportunity to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of citizenship.

Perhaps there are some parents who have not visited the school their child attends. By ail means this should be done. You will then realize anew that you should team up with the teacher and school authorities to provide the atmosphere which will contribute most to your child's advancement.

Appomattox business places are desirous of making the school year a success. Their taxes are a vital part of keeping the schools going. Their business service contributes to the needs of the pupils and teachers. They have out the "welcome mat" for every one connected with the schools. Call upon the places listed below for any service they can render. We know full well that the business impression we make upon these young people will react to the welfare of our community in years to come and we are proud to have a part in developing good will on the part of the generation that will guide our community in the years to come.

So, Thursday, September 6, will be a Red Letter Day for us. Schools will be open . . . and Appomattox will be off to what we know will be another successful session.

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